



**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY
NOMINATIONS**

**APPLICATION PACKET 2014-2015,
CLASS OF 2019**

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a nomination for a United States Military Service Academy. Representative Holt selects nominees for appointment to the Military Service Academies on a competitive basis, using criteria determined by the Academies to be indicative of one's potential for success as a Cadet, Midshipman, or Airman. **Please take the time to read our information packet regarding Military Service Academy applications before beginning your application.** This packet can be found on Representative Holt's website, holt.house.gov, and explains the application process in great detail. Your application should be completed thoughtfully and thoroughly in order to provide Representative Holt with the best possible demonstration of your candidacy for a Military Service Academy.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A COMPLETE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A letter of interest (sample enclosed)
- A completed application form, including responses to the essay questions (enclosed)
- A recommendation form to be completed by your school guidance counselor or principal (enclosed)
- A resume (sample enclosed)
- A current photograph of the candidate
- An official transcript of your high school record through the end of your junior year
- Documentation of SAT and/or ACT scores
- At least two letters of recommendation from non-family members, emphasizing the candidate's abilities in physical training, leadership potential, and extracurricular activities

The above materials should be submitted to Representative Holt's District Office:

Representative Rush Holt
Service Academy Nominations
50 Washington Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550

Application materials are due to Representative Holt by **6 pm on October 1, 2014**. **Please keep a copy of all application materials for your records.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at **609-750-9365** and ask for **Zainab Chaudary**.



SAMPLE LETTER OF INTEREST:

**John Doe
123 Main Street
Anywhere, NJ 01234**

Month, Day, Year

The Honorable Rush Holt
House of Representatives
Twelfth District Office
50 Washington Road
West Windsor, NJ 08550

Dear Representative Holt:

I desire to attend the (*Pick one or indicate first and second choice: United States Military Academy / United States Naval Academy / United States Air Force Academy / United States Merchant Marine Academy*) and to be commissioned in the U.S. Armed Forces. I respectfully request that I be considered as one of your nominees for the Class of 2019, entering in the summer of 2015.

The following data are furnished for your information:

Name of Applicant: John Doe

E-mail: johndoe300@doe.com

Social Security Number: 000-00-0000

Date of Birth: January 1, 1997

Permanent Address: 123 Main Street, Anywhere, NJ 01234

Home Number: 555-555-1234

Cell Number: 555-555-1234

High School: City High School

Names of Parents: John Doe & Jane Smith

Mother's Cell Phone: 555-222-3333

Father's Cell Phone: 555-222-4444

Temporary Address, Phone, and E-mail (if different from above):

I have requested that a pre-candidate file be initiated for me at the Admissions Office at (*insert name(s) of Academy or Academies*).

Sincerely,

(Signature)



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Please print or type your application.

Please accept my application for the class entering the year of _____

I am seeking a nomination for: #1 (first choice) _____

#2 (second choice) _____

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Legal Address: _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth:** _____

Father's Name: _____ **Mother's Name:** _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____ **Mother's Cell Phone:** _____

High School: _____

High School Counselor: _____ **Counselor's Phone Number:** _____

Have you attended college (circle one)? Y N *If yes, where?*

Have you sought a nomination from our office before (circle one)? Y N *If yes, what year?*

Please provide your highest individual SAT scores and ACT composite score*:

SAT Reading: _____ SAT Writing: _____ SAT Math: _____ ACT composite: _____

**Please note that we also require that you submit official documentation of standardized testing scores.*



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I am also seeking a nomination through (check all that apply):

- Senator Cory Booker
 - Senator Robert Menendez
 - Other (please specify):
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Please attach a current photograph of yourself below.



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PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:

I have read the Information Packet explaining the nominating procedures and am familiar with these requirements. I certify that I am a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the 12th Congressional District of New Jersey, at least 17 years of age and not yet 23 years old on July 1, 2014 (25 years of age for U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), that I am unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents. I understand that attendance at one of the U.S. service academies obligates me to five years of military service. I certify that all the information I have submitted to Representative Holt is correct. I understand that if I have not submitted ALL specified materials by 6 pm on October 1, 2014, I will not be considered for a nomination. I give my permission for Representative Holt to use my name in a press release after receiving a nomination or an appointment.

Signature

Date



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Please take the time to thoughtfully respond to the short answer questions on pages 5 and 6 of this application. Responses may vary in length based on the nature of the question and how you choose to respond, but please attempt to limit your responses to the space provided (may be either typed or written). Your answers will help Representative Holt evaluate your candidacy on a more personal level and should be seen as an opportunity to share strengths that you may not have had the chance to express in other areas of the application.

In addition to the four short answer questions, we also ask that you attach an essay to your application. In your essay, please include an explanation of why you want to attend a service academy. We also ask that you describe a situation in which you demonstrated leadership, either through an official leadership position or in a more casual setting. You may wish to include how you would characterize your style of leadership, or how you think that others may have benefitted from having you as a leader. We ask you to please limit your essay to 500 words.



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Short Answer Questions:

Military Service Academy students are required to meet many deadlines. What kind of disciplinary action or consequences do you feel would be an appropriate response to someone missing a deadline, such as the one for this application?

What do you believe will be your greatest challenge in adjusting to life at a service academy?



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Please describe past work or volunteer positions. What did you gain from the experience(s)? You may choose to focus on one such experience, or you may describe multiple experiences and their overall impact on you.

What are your goals for the future, both at a service academy and after graduation? How do you expect a service academy education to support your achievement of those goals?

Please remember to attach your essay to this application.



SAMPLE RESUME:

Name

Address

Cell Phone #

Home Phone #

Email address

Academics

HS, HS location

Graduation Month, Year

- Achievements:
 - National Honor Society 20XX-20XX
 - Honor roll 20XX-20XX
 - 1st place science fair 20XX
 - Academic Load:
 - List of Honors classes
 - List of AP Classes and AP scores
 - Relevant Coursework:
 - Foreign languages studied/study abroad 20XX-20XX
 - Relevant math/science/engineering courses 20XX-20XX
 - Community College courses 20XX-20XX
 - Summer programs of study 20XX
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Athletics

HS Sport 1, League

20XX-20XX

- Leadership positions (year)
- Championships (year)
- Years lettered

HS Sport 2, League

20XX-20XX

- Leadership positions (year)
- Championships (year)
- Years lettered



Competitive Club Sport, *League* 20XX-20XX

- Leadership positions (year)
- Championships
- Individual recognition

Individual Competition Achievements 20XX

- 1st place in Trenton Half Marathon

Community & School Involvement

Community Service, *Name and location* 20XX-20XX

- Brief description of duties
- Hours of service (optional)

Scouting, *Troop, Location* 20XX-20XX

- Rank/Awards
- Special Projects

School Activity, *HS, Location* 20XX-20XX

- Officer (Pres, VP, etc).
- Contributions

JROTC, *HS Location* 20XX

- Contributions
- Position

Club Name, *Location* 20XX

- What you did, duties
- Awards

Special Event, *Location* 20XX

- Ran fundraiser for local nonprofit
- Raised \$XXX to benefit organization



Employment**Organization Name, *Location***

Summer 20XX

- Position, approximate hours/week
- Duties

